

AMENDMENT

1 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the
2 application.

3 1. (Original) A method, comprising:
4 sighting a position correlated to at least a subset of a three-dimensional data set
5 representing a field of view; and
6 targeting a controlled system to the position from the three-dimensional data set.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the three-dimensional data comprises LADAR
2 data.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising at least one of:
2 acquiring the three-dimensional data;
3 processing the three-dimensional data;
4 displaying a representation of the three-dimensional data;
5 displaying a projected target point after the controlled system is targeted; and
6 taking an action responsive to targeting the position.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein acquiring the three-dimensional data includes:
2 transmitting a plurality of LADAR pulses; and
3 receiving the LADAR pulses after they are reflected.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein processing the three-dimensional data
2 includes generating a three-dimensional image from the three-dimensional data.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the three-dimensional image is the
2 representation.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein generating the three-dimensional image
2 includes:
3 pre-processing the three-dimensional data;
4 detecting a target represented by a subset of the three-dimensional data;
5 segmenting the subset from the remainder of the three-dimensional data;

6 extracting features of the target from the segmented data; and
7 classifying the segmented subset as including a particular kind of target based on the
8 extracted features.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sighting the position indicating a portion of a
2 displayed image generated from the three-dimensional data.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein targeting the controlled system includes
2 aiming a weapon system at the sighted position.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein targeting the controlled system includes
2 aiming a weapon system at the sighted position.

1 11. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:
2 a program storage medium capable of storing a three-dimensional data set representing a
3 field of view;
4 a controller capable of generating a presentation of the three-dimensional data set;
5 a controller interface through which a position represented by at least a subset of the
6 three-dimensional data can be sighted and through which the position can be
7 targeted from the subset.

1 12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the program storage medium comprises a
2 magnetic program storage medium or an optical program storage medium.

1 13. (Canceled)

1 14. (Canceled)

1 15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the controller comprises a digital-
2 processor.

1 16. (Canceled)

1 17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the controller interface includes a display.

1 18. (Canceled)

1 19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the display includes a touch screen.

1 20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the controller interface includes at least
2 one peripheral input/output device.

1 21. (Original) A controlled system, comprising:

2 a data acquisition system capable of acquiring a three-dimensional data set representing a
3 field of view;

4 a sighting and targeting subsystem, including:

5 a program storage medium capable of storing the three-dimensional data set;

6 a controller capable of generating a presentation of the three-dimensional data set;

7 and

8 a controller interface through which a position represented by at least a subset of

9 the three-dimensional data can be sighted and through which the position

10 can be targeted from a presentation of the subset;

11 a control subsystem capable of implementing instructions from the sighting and targeting
12 subsystem.

1 22. (Original) The controlled system of claim 21, wherein the data acquisition system
2 includes a LADAR system.

1 23. (Currently Amended) The controlled system of claim 22 ~~21~~, wherein the LADAR system
2 comprises a direct diode LADAR system.

1 24. (Original) The controlled system of claim 21, wherein the control subsystem comprises a
2 weapon pointing system.

1 25. (Original) A method, comprising:

2 acquiring a three-dimensional data set representing the content of a field of view;

3 generating a three-dimensional representation of the content from the three-dimensional
4 data set;

5 displaying the three-dimensional representation;

sighting a position within the field of view from the three-dimensional representation;
and
targeting the sighted position using the three-dimensional data set.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein acquiring the three-dimensional data set includes:

transmitting a plurality of light pulses; and
receiving a plurality of the transmitted light pulses upon their reflection by an object in the field of view.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
extracting the three-dimensional data from the received light pulses; and
storing the received light pulses in a row column format.

28. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein generating the three-dimensional representation includes:

detecting a region of interest in the three-dimensional image;
segmenting a target in the region of interest from the three-dimensional image;
extracting features of the segmented target; and
classifying the target from the extracted features.

29. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising pre-processing the three-dimensional data.

30. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising transmitting the generated three-dimensional image to a remote location before displaying the three-dimensional image.

31. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:

means for sighting a position correlated to at least a subset of a three-dimensional data set representing a field of view; and
means for targeting a controlled system to the position from the three-dimensional data set.

1 32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the three-dimensional data comprises
2 LADAR data.

1 33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 31, further comprising at least one of:
2 means for acquiring the three-dimensional data;
3 means for processing the three-dimensional data;
4 means for displaying a representation of the three-dimensional data;
5 means for displaying a projected target point after the controlled system is targeted; and
6 means for taking an action responsive to targeting the position.

1 34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein targeting the controlled system includes
2 aiming a weapon system at the sighted position.

1 35. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:
2 means for storing a three-dimensional data set representing a field of view;
3 means for generating a presentation of the three-dimensional data set;
4 means for sighting a position represented by at least a subset of the three-dimensional
5 data and for targeting the position from the subset.

1 36. (Original) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the storing means comprises a magnetic
2 program storage medium or an optical program storage medium.

1 37. (Original) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the generating means comprises a digital
2 processor.

1 38. (Original) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the sighting and targeting means includes a
2 display.

1 39. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 35 ~~21~~, wherein the program storage medium
2 comprises a magnetic program storage medium or an optical program storage medium.

1 40. (Canceled)

1 41. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the controller comprises a digital
2 processor.

1 42. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the controller interface includes a display.

1 43. (Canceled)

1 44. (Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein sighting the position includes indicating a
2 portion of a displayed image generated from the three-dimensional data.

1 45. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein targeting the controlled system includes
2 aiming a weapon system at the sighted position.

1 46. (Canceled)

1 47. (New) A controlled system, comprising:
2 a data acquisition system capable of acquiring a three-dimensional data set representing a
3 field of view;
4 a sighting and targeting subsystem, including:
5 a program storage medium on which the three-dimensional data set may be
6 stored; and
7 a controller capable of:
8 identifying a target represented by at least a subset of the stored
9 three-dimensional data set;
10 sighting a position correlated to at least a subset of a three-
11 dimensional data set representing a field of view; and
12 targeting a controlled system to the position from the three-
13 dimensional data set.
14 a control subsystem capable of implementing the targeting of the target.

1 48. (New) The controlled system of claim 47, wherein the data acquisition system includes at
2 least one of a LADAR system and a thermal imager.

1 49. (New) The controlled system of claim 47, wherein the control subsystem comprises a
2 weapon pointing system.

1 50. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the controller comprises a digital processor.

1 51. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, further comprising a positioning system from which
2 the controller may receive positioning information.

1 52. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein controller is capable of identifying the target
2 by:

3 pre-processing the three-dimensional data;
4 detecting a target represented by a subset of the three-dimensional data;
5 segmenting the subset from the remainder of the three-dimensional data;
6 extracting features of the target from the segmented data; and
7 classifying the segmented subset as including a particular kind of target based on the
8 extracted features.

1 53. (New) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the controller is capable of identifying the
2 target by:

3 displaying a representation of the three dimensional data set through a controller
4 interface;
5 receiving an input through the controller interface indicating the target.

1 54. (New) A method, comprising:

2 identifying a target represented by at least a subset of a three-dimensional data set
3 representing a field of view;
4 sighting a position correlated to the identified target from the three-dimensional data set
5 representing a field of view; and
6 targeting a controlled system to the sighted position from the three-dimensional data set.

1 55. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the three-dimensional data comprises at least
2 one of LADAR data and thermal imaging data.